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In regard to the application of: IDDAN, G. J. et al.

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Sir:

Applicant respectfully directs the attention of the Examiner to art cited with respect to U.S. Application No. 10/070,774 which is a US national application under 35 USC section 371 of PCT Application No. PCT/IL99/00490.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to review and consider this art, in accordance with MPEP 2001.06 and to indicate in the first office action that he has considered this art. Additionally, the Examiner is respectfully requested to cite those prior art publications mentioned in this application which the Examiner considers to be material or relevant to the present claims.

Further, in order to comply with discretionary regulations 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, attached is an Equivalent to Form PTO-1449 listing the cited art. Also attached are copies¹ of the art. This art contains information which the Examiner may consider to be important in deciding whether to allow the present application to issue as a patent. Items 1-11 were cited on the PCT International Search Report. Copies of these items are not attached as they are available in the national stage file.

In accordance with MPEP Section 609 it is requested that each document cited [including any mentioned in Applicants' specification which is not repeated on the attached (or prior) PTO-1449 form(s) or equivalents thereof] be given thorough consideration and be cited

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Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
IDDAN, G. J. et al.



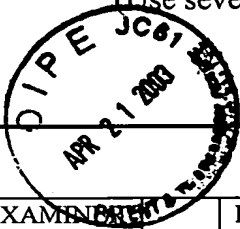
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EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	Filing date if appropriate
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	5.	WO 95/30928	16 November 1995	PCT				
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	8.	WO 97/01111	09 January 1997	PCT				
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	11.	WO 99/40478	12 August 1999	PCT				
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	13.	AZUMA, T. et al.; "Real-Time Active Range Finder Using Light Intensity Modulation;" January 1999; SPIE; Vol. 3640; pp. 11-20

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